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SUBJECT: TIME/READER'S DIGEST/BORDER TV STATIONS TAX REGULATION  
(BILL C-58)

REF: OTTAWA 1994

1. MADER, TIME BUREAU CHIEF OTTAWA, TOLD DCM JUNE 3 THAT NATIONAL REVENUE MINISTER BASFORD HAD INFORMED TIME THAT ITS MOCK-UP EDITION DID NOT MEET REQUIREMENT SINCE "ONLY 40 PERCENT OF MATERIAL" WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF US EDITION. BASFORD SAID MINIMUM OF 50 PERCENT OF CONTENT MUST BE DIFFERENT, BUT HAS STILL DECLINED ADVISE TIME WHAT CRITERIA ARE. MADER BELIEVED PRESSURES ON BASFORD FROM DAVEY, FAULKNER, ETC. TO FUZZ UP CRITERIA WERE INCREASING. HIS ESTIMATE IS THAT BASFORD'S RULING WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY VAGUE TO ALLOW FOR SEPARATE (SUBJECTIVE, ANTI-TIME) JUDGEMENT EACH CASE.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH ECON OFFICERS ON JUNE 3, OTTAWA ATTORNEY FOR BUFFALO TV STATIONS OPINED THAT SECOND READING OF BILL MAY NOT BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SUMMER RECESS AND THUS COMMITTEE HEARINGS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL FALL. IF THIS HAPPENS, HE SAID, BASFORD WOULD PROBABLY MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICATIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT BASFORD WOULD DISLIKE DO-  
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ING THIS, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT WOULD APPEAR TO PREJUDICE OUT-

COME OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS, BUT ON OTHER HAND WOULD FEEL  
HE MUST ACT SO AS NOT TO BE ACCUSED OF GIVING INADEQUATE  
NOTICE PRIOR TO PRESUMED JANUARY 1 ENTRY INTO FORCE OF  
BILL'S PROVISIONS.

3. COMMENT: BILL C-58 HAS NOT BEEN DEBATED IN COMMONS  
SINCE MAY 26. POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF SCHEDULING ONE MORE DAY  
ON JUNE 6 BUT IT IS NOT PRESENTLY CERTAIN THAT SECOND READ-  
ING AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE THEN IN VIEW  
OF LARGE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS STILL ON LIST. THERE IS THUS  
POSSIBILITY COMMITTEE HEARINGS MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED IN-  
DEFINITELY. TIME HAD HOPED FOR RULING AND HEARINGS EARLIER,  
SINCE IT MUST NOW AGONIZE EVEN MORE OVER FUTURE OF EMPLOYEES  
AND FAILING ADVERTISING REVENUES. POSSIBILITY IS THAT DELAY  
OF LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE MAY EVEN FORCE TIME IN END TO THROW  
IN TOWEL, WHICH IT HAS BEEN TRYING HARD TO AVOID.  
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